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1. Forest Peoples Programme

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization believes that forests should be managed and controlled based on the respect for the rights of the peoples who know them best. Working with forest peoples in South America, Africa and Asia, the organization helps communities to secure their rights, build up their own organizations and negotiate with Governments and companies as to how best to achieve economic development and conservation on their lands.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports the rights of peoples who live in forests and depend on them for their livelihoods. It aims to create political space for forest peoples to secure their rights, control their lands and decide their own futures by getting the rights and interests of peoples recognized in laws, policies and programmes; supporting people to build their own capacities to claim and exercise their human rights; countering policies and projects that threaten the rights of people; promoting community-based sustainable forest management; ensuring equity, counter-discrimination and gender justice; informing non-governmental organization actions on forests in line with forest peoples' visions; and linking up indigenous and forest peoples' movements at the regional and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2010:

- The organization assisted indigenous people in Nepal to draft a complaint to the Human Rights Committee about the exclusion of indigenous peoples' chosen representatives from the drafting of Nepal's new Constitution.
- The organization supported the Colombian organization Fuerza de Mujeres Wayuu to submit a report to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- The organization monitored the positions of Member States participating in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and supported the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change to prepare for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010.
- The organization supported Peruvian indigenous organizations in meeting the Minister for the Environment of Peru and representatives of the United Nations Collaborated Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (the UN-REDD Programme), leading to indigenous peoples being consulted on free, prior and informed consent mechanisms and land tenure issues.

In 2011:

- The organization's advocacy materials, compiled with indigenous partners, were used to influence climate negotiations. It was invited to compile further briefings on the rights and benefit of sharing within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change process.
  - As a member of the UN-REDD Programme's independent advisory group, the organization succeeded in getting the Programme's Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria to include principles on international obligations; respect for free, prior and informed consent; the prohibition of involuntary resettlement in REDD-plus activities; and stronger language on land rights.
- The organization provided legal input into indigenous peoples' own free, prior and informed consent protocol in Paraguay, which the Government agreed to include in the final national programme with the UN-REDD Programme.

In 2012:

- The organization convened a workshop entitled "Making the Bali Declaration Effective: Phnom Penh Workshop on Human Rights and Agribusiness in Southeast Asia", leading to a request for United Nations Special Rapporteurs to carry out a study on human rights and agribusiness in South-East Asia for the Human Rights Council.
- The organization supported indigenous peoples' representatives to engage with United Nations negotiations and the development of the Green Climate Fund, and advocated for safeguards in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In 2013:

- The organization provided legal advice and drafting assistance for the UN-REDD Programme guidelines on free, prior and informed consent.
  - At the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, indigenous peoples called for the ongoing investigation of oil palm and timber concessions. That fed into the organization's third submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the Merauke Integrated Food and Energy Estate project, which led to strong recommendations from the Committee to the Government of Indonesia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization attended the sixteenth to nineteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 2010 to 2013.
- The organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, with a delegation of indigenous peoples to join the Global Indigenous Peoples' Conference.
- The organization participated in the tenth to twelfth sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, from 2010 to 2013.

- The organization attended the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010 and in Hyderabad, India, in October 2012, respectively. With partners, it provided two submissions to the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization makes extensive use of the United Nations mechanisms, and has observer status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as at 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. International Congo Aid — Smile African Children

Special, 2010

Introduction

International Congo Aid — Smile African Children was established in 1994 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2008. The organization specializes in voluntary, communitarian and humanitarian affairs, with a focus on education, health and general public charitable activities for the well-being of disadvantaged people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eradicate extreme poverty and promote Congolese women's and children's rights by educating the Congolese people in the areas of basic human rights, health and nutrition, job skills and networking.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization organized workshops in collaboration with Croydon Voluntary Action and provided advice to young minorities on ending violence, gang activities, the use of narcotics and "white" and/or fire weapons. It set up a facility for young people who seek such advice at Bangladesh Welfare Association Croydon. The results from monitoring and a survey show that the workshop successfully enabled some young people to correct their anti-social behaviour.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to contribute to online meetings and outcome document reports and written statements.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Millennium Development Goal 2 by paying school fees for 30 of the poorest children, orphans and street children in Mikondo in the province of Kinshasa and in Pangu in the province of Bandundu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and provided them with class materials and clothes; and by purchasing land in Mikondo to build an education centre for underprivileged children and young adults.

3. International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction

Special, 1954

Introduction

The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction was established in 1953 as an association whose objectives are to stimulate and facilitate international cooperation and information exchange between governmental research institutes in the building and construction sector, with an emphasis on those institutes engaged in technical fields of research. The scope of the Council covers the technical, economic, environmental, organizational and other aspects of the built environment during all stages of its life cycle, addressing all steps in the process of basic and applied research, documentation and transfer of the research results and their implementation and actual application. Although most members of the Council are organizations, its focus is on the individual, such as building and construction experts who improve their day-to-day performance through international cooperation and information exchange with their peers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Council's mission is to provide a global network for international exchange and cooperation in research and innovation in building and construction in support of the improved building process and of the improved performance of the built environment; to be a relevant source of information concerning research and innovation worldwide in the field of building and construction; and to be a reliable and effective access point to the global research community and a forum for achieving a meaningful exchange between the entire spectrum of building and construction interests and the global research community. In achieving its objectives, the Council collaborates with other international and national organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Council offered a web-based seminar (webinar) in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) to examine recent guidelines and their possible impact on the built environment on 27 March 2012.
- The Council and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction hosted a series of webinars in May and June 2012 on the topic of "Building disaster resilient cities: enabling risk reduction through urban planning; engaging multiple stakeholders in disaster risk reduction for cities" and using the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool. The webinars shared knowledge and expertise with Council members, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and cities that are involved in the "Making Cities Resilient" campaign. The webinars also provided information about the first annual report of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, entitled "Making Cities Resilient", prepared in 2012.
- On 3 October 2012 the Council hosted a webinar in cooperation with United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) on "Sustainable Buildings and Climate Initiative".

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. International Council of Voluntary Agencies

General, 1974

Introduction

The International Council of Voluntary Agencies is an association of non-governmental organizations from around the world that works as a collective body to promote and advocate for human rights and a humanitarian perspective in global debates and responses. The Council has 8 member organizations headquartered in Africa; 16 member organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Middle East; 36 member organizations in Europe; and 12 in North America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Council aims to support humanitarian actions in two main ways: it provides non-governmental organizations a voice in humanitarian policy debates by bringing the expertise and perspectives of humanitarian and human rights non-governmental organizations from the field to international decision-making

forums, including various United Nations bodies; and it supports non-governmental organizations by keeping them informed about global policy debates to enable them to take informed decisions and effectively engage in processes that improve humanitarian outcomes on the ground. One of the Council's primary functions is to contribute to better collaboration between all humanitarian actors, including by providing strong non-governmental organization voices in United Nations bodies like the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the governing bodies of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Significant changes in the organization

The Council's statutes were changed by its General Assembly in 2012. The changes are not of a strategic or programmatic nature. In 2013, the Council established regional hubs in Asia (Bangkok), West Africa (Dakar) and in the Middle East and North Africa (Amman), which are run by a Council member organization, in order to bring national non-governmental organizations closer to the field work.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council is the focal point for non-governmental organization relations with UNHCR and facilitates non-governmental organization interventions in the UNHCR Standing and Executive Committees. The Council is in close contact and cooperation with various other United Nations bodies and United Nations humanitarian, human rights and development actors and agencies on a regular basis, such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Throughout 2013, the Council, in support of the adoption of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's transformative agenda, has shared information, simulated exercises and collected feedback from operations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In partnership with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on issues of humanitarian coordination, the Council co-chaired two of four Inter-Agency Standing Committee task teams and engaged with other task teams, the principals group and the emergency directors group in 2013.
- The Council also participated in the meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee and Standing Committee, co-hosted the UNHCR annual consultations with non-governmental organizations, and was involved in the UNHCR annual High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Preparations and facilitating non-governmental organization statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Council's cooperation includes the following:

- Through partnership with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and UNHCR, it actively supported the United Nations reform of the humanitarian system. It co-hosted the UNHCR annual consultations with non-governmental organizations.
- It coordinated non-governmental organization inputs in the meetings of the UNHCR Executive Committee and the sessions of its Standing Committee.

- It consolidated non-governmental organization input to the negotiations on the UNHCR Executive Committee conclusions on international protection.
- It is involved in a dialogue with UNHCR, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and a small number of other non-governmental organization consortiums and non-governmental organizations on improving financial partnership arrangements between those United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Council undertook the following humanitarian actions:

- Emergency assistance as a necessary step in order for a development agenda to be rolled out in the affected areas.
- Advocating strong engagement of affected populations in programming and operations. That rights-based approach provided a seamless conceptual transition from humanitarian response to development.

5. International Women's Democracy Center

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Women's Democracy Center was established in 1995 to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking and research with a focus on increasing the participation of women in politics, policy and decision-making within their own Governments.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in partnership with established non-governmental organizations to implement all programmes, projects and activities towards the goal of increasing the number of women who will stand as candidates for elected/appointed office, lobby their legislatures and/or advocate for issues central to the well-being of their communities.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its programs and projects to Africa, Asia, the Pacific Rim, Latin America and the Middle East.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization strengthened women's global leadership through the United Nations youth delegate programme. The programme invited high school seniors from Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in the United States of America to serve as official delegates to all United Nations conferences, special sessions and regional meetings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Department of Public Information meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and UNICEF.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women by facilitating skill training, leadership and management workshops around the world so that more women leaders can stand as elected officials; and managing campaigns to ensure that women have a voice in the policymaking process.

6. Italian Association for Women in Development

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Italian Association for Women in Development was established in 1981 and registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy. The organization focuses its activities in following four areas: (a) sexual and reproductive health and rights, abandonment of female genital mutilation/cutting and prevention of gender-based violence; (b) women's participation in economic development; (c) capacity-building of women's organizations and institutions; and (d) girls' education and the prevention of child labour. The Association works in Burkina Faso, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the State of Palestine.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is dedicated to working in developing countries and in countries in transition for the rights, the dignity and the freedom of choice of women. It works in partnership with local organizations and institutions to which it gives all the needed financial and technical support so that they can manage their projects autonomously. In Italy, the Association organizes information activities on women's conditions and gender relations in developing countries and carries out advocacy activities in order to increase the contribution to development of the Government of Italy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Association participated in the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010 and 2011.
- The Association organized two parallel events entitled "The right to participate in CSW, the case of Iran" and "FGM, female genital mutilation — rural women and girls" at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012.
- The Association participated in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and organized a parallel event entitled "Violence against women in Iran and the challenges".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association published and launched the Italian edition of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) report *State of World Population* for four years during the reporting period. It also implemented numerous UNFPA-financed and co-financed projects during 2010 and 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, the Association created small enterprises for women in support of Goal 1. It also provided 363 scholarships for secondary education and access to informal education provided for 30,000 students in support of Goal 3. In support of Goal 5, the Association provided prenatal and postnatal care for 39,000 women, and sensitized 180,000 women and men to women's issues in support of Goal 6.

7. JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

Special, 1998

Introduction

JMJ Children's Fund of Canada is a charitable non-profit organization founded to help children in need.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's focus is on education and providing food and medication.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In Zambia, the organization opened a kindergarten to educate toddlers in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, the organization attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. It sponsored a film entitled *Silent No More* at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2012. In 2013, the organization attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Assisted with earthquake relief in Haiti by providing food, shelter and nutrition in 2010.
- Goal 2. Educated children in Haiti and opened a literacy centre in 2011 for those who had not been able to attend school earlier because they had to work in order to earn money to feed their own families. In Uganda, the organization educated, fed and treated children in primary schools. In India, the organization tutored older children at night school. In Ghana, it opened a kindergarten school and continued to educate older children.
- Goal 3. The organization educated both boys and girls in all its schools.

8. Kids First Fund

Special, 2006

Introduction

Kids First Fund helps abused and abandoned children, strengthens families and builds awareness of child abuse. The organization operates in countries where resources are very limited. Current projects provide support for children in Latvia and the Republic of Moldova.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's overall strategy is to align with existing grant activities in the Republic of Moldova. It aims to prevent child abuse; to provide educational programming; to focus on impoverished rural areas, such as Latgale in Latvia; and to implement projects that show promise for future self-funding, or which have a defined end date.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of the organization supports the efforts of the Economic and Social Council through activities in Latvia, the Republic of Moldova and the United States.

- To help abused and abandoned children, the organization opened a dialogue on the sexual and physical abuse of children in post-Soviet societies in which the application of a rule of law to protect the rights of children is a relatively new and very fragile concept.
- In 2010, the organization started "The child abuse and prevention project" in the Republic of Moldova. By the end of 2013, the programme had trained 351 district representatives who brought the programme's message to 12,568 students, 3,812 parents and caregivers and 1,899 teachers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization dedicated a large portion of its 2013 annual report to the concluding observations on the second periodic report of the Holy See, issued by the Committee on the Rights of the Child in February 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. A family shelter, developed and currently supported by the organization in Latvia, was designed to provide job training for mothers while seeking protection for their children. Vocational training is a key element in breaking the cycle of abuse by creating the ability for women to live independently of their abusers.
- Goal 3. The project in the Republic of Moldova focuses on the rights of mothers (and their children) to protect themselves from abusive relationships.
- Goal 8. The organization engages non-governmental organizations in the United States and corporations throughout the world to support its work in Latvia and the Republic of Moldova.

9. LGBT Denmark: the National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People

Special, 2006

Introduction

LGBT Denmark: the National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered People was founded in 1948, and is the main lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization of Denmark.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to work for the liberation at all levels of society of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The main courses of action are as follows: campaigning for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people at local, national and international levels; influencing political decision-making at local, national and international levels; providing information services

such as magazines, newsletters, web services and leaflets; providing counselling services; and implementing projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization's website provides an introduction and resources on how to work with aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity for non-governmental organizations and others engaged in international development.
- It produced a handbook and planned an international conference on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- It undertook a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender mapping and supporting project in the United Republic of Tanzania.
- It produced a report entitled "Stronger voices for LGBT rights" in the United Republic of Tanzania.
- It provided an input to the development strategy of Denmark to include the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons.
- It made the Refugee Appeals Board of Denmark change their practice and grant Convention status to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender refugees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The main topic of interest was the universal periodic review of a number of countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization participated in a coordinated approach with other non-governmental organizations of Denmark regarding the universal periodic review of Denmark.
- The organization participated as a panellist with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navanethem Pillay, at a public debate on human rights on 20 February 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development

Special, 2010

Introduction

Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development is an international non-governmental organization that deals with issues of rights and development. The organization works to promote the concepts of international conventions through practical projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to conduct illiteracy and education services in post-conflict zones, render relief assistance to the needy, undertake disaster management, work on poverty alleviation, promote gender equality and women's empowerment, work on peacebuilding and conflict resolution, promote environmental sanitation and disseminate human rights principles.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Main activities to achieve the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large are the following:

- The organization worked with stakeholders to monitor the implementation of the universal periodic review recommended by the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in the Sudan.
- The organization prepared human rights and humanitarian reports.
- The organization provided emergency assistance and relief to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, to the Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey and to disaster victims in Pakistan and Yemen.
- The organization organized a symposium on agricultural potentialities and food security in Africa.
- The organization participated in humanitarian exhibitions and worked within a Sudanese network to prevent drug use through conducting studies, seminars and awareness campaigns.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in programmes of UNESCO to increase awareness about the role of women in the constitution-making process.
- The organization also participated in a workshop organized by UNHCR on citizenship.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Built schools and established educational projects in war-affected Sudanese states such as the Blue Nile State.
- Goal 5. Implemented programmes on maternal and child care and care for people with special needs.
- Goal 6. Participated in HIV campaigns with a national network on fighting HIV; involved in the vaccination campaign in partnership with the federal Ministry of Health; constructed hospitals and provided health insurance to more than 8,000 families for free treatment.
- Goal 7. Participated in the activities and initiatives of the national network on environmental sanitation.

11. Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights was officially recognized as a public benefit organization by presidential decree in 1978. The Foundation has its headquarters in Athens.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The basic aims of the Foundation are as follows: research, study, defence, protection, safeguarding from violations and the promotion and dissemination of internationally recognized human rights for all without any discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been changes in the programmes and aims of the organization. The Foundation has strengthened its activist profile by introducing field research and intervention on migration issues. Specifically, the Foundation carries out ad hoc visits to detention centres of all types with the aim of improving the living conditions of detainees in Greece and their social rehabilitation. The Foundation provides free legal education and training to detention officers.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation organized the following annual conferences to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

- 2010: the current situation of the international human rights system (Athens, 9 December).
- 2011: progress and setbacks in national and international protection of human rights (Athens, 12 December).
- 2012: the use of violence undermines democracy and human rights (Athens, 10 December).

- 2013: education and human rights (11 December).

The Foundation produced the following publications related to the work of the United Nations:

- *Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Poverty, a Challenge to Human Rights* (Athens, 2010).
- *Le genocide révisité: Genocide Revisited* (Athens and Brussels, 2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization made oral interventions at the twenty-first and twenty-fourth sessions of the Human Rights Council on the following topics: "Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty", "Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action" and "Annual discussion on gender integration" in Geneva, 10-28 September 2012 and 9-27 September 2013.
- The Foundation submitted written statements on "Human rights and poverty: the reality of their mutual contestation" in Geneva, 9-27 September 2013.
- The Foundation participated in the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 6 to 15 February 2013, and submitted a written statement on the priority theme of "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Foundation, in cooperation with the Athens United Nations Information Centre, co-organized the thirteenth model United Nations in 2010.
- The Foundation regularly consulted with UNHCR with regard to the annual contest for students of all categories.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. Mercy Corps

Special, 1998

Introduction

Mercy Corps exists to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities. The organization's worldwide team in 41 countries is improving the lives of 19 million people. Supported by headquarters offices in North America and Europe, the agency's unified global programmes employ several thousand staff worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's programmes provide communities in the world's toughest places with the tools and support they need to transform their own lives. Since 1979, the organization has provided $2.2 billion in assistance to people in 114 countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2010 to 2013, the organization was directly engaged in the work of the United Nations at both the global and country levels, including:

- Representation in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee through membership in InterAction. The organization has been very involved in the work relating to the transformative agenda, and has participated in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-led emergency directors group.
- Participation in consultations regarding the response to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic through the Regional Response Plan and the Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response Plan.
- Participation in the Water and Sanitation Global Cluster, as well as the Logistics Cluster.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a number of United Nations-led forums. Examples include:

- Participation in the annual partnership consultation at WFP, held in Rome on 29 and 30 October 2013. The meeting focused on strategy and discussion of best practices.
- Attendance and a presentation at the Global Meeting of the Food Security Cluster Partners, which was jointly managed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and WFP in Rome on 5 and 6 November 2013. The presentation focused on coordination mechanisms and the response to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2010 and 2013, the organization worked directly with UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, FAO and UNDP to implement $35.9 million in 91 programmes in 28 countries.

The organization also participated in several campaigns including:

- Coordination with UNICEF on the promotion of the "No Lost Generation" campaign to raise awareness around the impact of the Syrian crisis on children.
- Participation in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East Global Strategy for Safe Access to Fuel and Energy campaign roll-out.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities are specified.

13. Peace Boat

Special, 2002

Introduction

Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development and respect for the environment through the organization of global educational programmes, responsible travel, cooperative projects and advocacy activities. The organization carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. The ship creates a neutral and mobile space and enables people to engage across borders in dialogue and mutual cooperation at sea and in ports.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to create awareness and actions for positive social and political changes in the world. The organization pursues its aim through organizing global educational programmes, promoting responsible travel and creating cooperative projects and advocacy activities. Those activities are carried out in a partnership with other organizations and civil society members in Japan and other countries in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In pursuing the sustainable development goal with a focus on peace and disarmament, the organization undertook 14 global voyages and two north-east Asian educational voyages as well as other on-board and in-port programmes. Cooperative activities held in 60 cities included conflict prevention and disaster relief.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization arranged for a delegation of survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to speak at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in New York, from 3 to 28 May 2010. It participated in informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010.
- It participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. It organized side events entitled "Voices from Fukushima, sharing lessons for global

sustainability" on 18 June 2012, and "Working together towards a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East" on 17 October 2012.

- It participated in the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva, on 28 May 2013.
- It attended the meetings of the General Assembly's Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) in New York, in October 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- It participated in the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva from 19 to 23 May 2013, and submitted an oral statement on disaster relief in Japan following the 2011 tsunami and presented a document entitled "Lessons and recommendations from Japanese civil society for the post-2015 DRR framework".
- It participated in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, held in New York on 26 September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the field investigation in Fukushima, Japan, in February 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following initiatives to support the Millennium Development Goals, among others:

- The organization partnered with the global campaign for the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to raise awareness about the goals.
- As one of the Millennium Development Goals training programmes, the organization organized the African Youth Millennium Development Goals Forum in cooperation with the global campaign for the Millennium Development Goals from 19 to 29 February, 2010. It also organized the Asian round table on the Millennium Development Goals, gender equality and women's empowerment in Da Nang, Viet Nam, on 23 April 2010.

14. Rozan

Special, 2006

Introduction

Rozan is a not-for-profit organization working on issues of emotional and mental health, gender and violence against women, youth and children since 1998.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to work with all people, especially women, youth and children, to collectively strive for a society that is free from violence, self-aware and accepting of itself and others.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Four of the organization's core programmes and two supporting units contributed to the work of the United Nations during the period 2010-2013.

- The children's programme of the organization helped to strengthen the capacities of local communities and child protection committees on the issue of child sexual abuse and initiated work in Rawalpindi. The programme partnered with the National Centre for Child Protection to increase its capacities on child protection issues.
- The women's programme, in partnership with Government and other civil society groups, strengthened the State-run women's centres and shelters in the province of Sindh.
- The police programme focused on police reform in collaboration with other civil society organizations. It established the organization helpline to provide telephone, in-person, e-mail and letter counselling as a training resource for building capacities in Pakistan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2010.
- The organization attended various training seminars organized by UNDP, UNFPA, WHO and UN-Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization's research on issues of masculinity were supported by the United Nations regional joint programme (Partners for Prevention): a joint venture of UNDP, the United Nations Volunteers programme, UNFPA and UN-Women.
- The organization partnered with UNFPA for work with women survivors of violence residing in women centres and shelters.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The children's programme organized campaigns, training, workshops and orientations on the issue of child sexual abuse, and worked with school teachers and mothers in communities.
- The women's programme, along with other women rights organizations, undertook a joint initiative for policy advocacy on violence against women. It also organized a South Asian conference in 2010.
- The media unit reached out to five public and private sector universities in three provinces of Pakistan and conducted seminars on mass communication to promote ethical journalism.

15. Tiye International

Special, 1998

Introduction

Tiye International is an umbrella organization composed of 21 national organizations of black, migrant and refugee women and youth in the Netherlands, established in 1994.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Tiye aims to promote human rights, development cooperation, peace, security and safety; influence Government policy; improve access to the labour market; and combat poverty and racism and all other forms of discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Tiye implements the following projects, among others: the women and peace project, in cooperation with its partner in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to promote female leadership and gender equality in all areas of life; and training on capacity-building related to Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the closure of the International Year for People of African Descent (2011) the organization participated in a panel discussion organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, held in New York, on 19 October 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Tiye organized a conference entitled "Linking Rio+20 with the Millennium Development Goals, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action", held in The Hague, Netherlands, on 16 April 2012. It implemented projects on poverty reduction and capacity-building from a gender perspective from 2010 to 2013 in Ecuador, the Netherlands, South Africa and Suriname.
- It implemented the European transnational project entitled "Speak out! Empowering black, migrant and refugee women and girls against gender violence in Europe" with seven other partners from 2011 to 2013.

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1. Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement was established to combat the scourge of poverty, to promote sustainable development and respect for the environment and to participate in a future of world peace and justice. It was created in Dakar, Senegal in 2001.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims chiefly to contribute to creating an environment favourable to health, to combat early childhood malnutrition and to make health policies designed to meet the basic needs of the population more effective. In order to achieve those aims, it organizes seminars, conferences and workshops; it conducts assessments and audits of programmes already carried out; and it publishes information about poverty, development and the culture of peace, among other activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information was provided.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the following Millennium Development Goals:

Goals 1 and 4: To combat early childhood malnutrition by creating nurseries of edible plants; to contribute to combating malnutrition by the production of audiovisual and print media materials promoting the inclusion of Moringa in the diet; and raising awareness in the population by promoting the documentary film "*SOS Sangoulé*"

Goals 1 and 3: To implement a joint venture programme with investors and the French Association for Solidarity in order to help African youths returning from abroad after completing vocational training to become reintegrated into their society, with a view to reducing poverty.

2. Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique

General, 2008

Introduction

The Centre de recherches et de promotion pour la sauvegarde des sites et monuments historiques en Afrique is a coordinating organ of national, subregional and continental councils for historical sites and monuments. The association has three head offices (Dakar, Senegal, Cape Town South Africa and New York, United States), eight African subregional offices and five continental representative bureaux.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre has more than 20 years of experience of participating in, coordinating and taking action on African policies for safeguarding cultural heritage by assisting States members in establishing administrative structures for protecting and conserving heritage. The Centre also works in the field of education on issues of gender, health, social development, and combating poverty and generally on pursuing Millennium Development Goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information was provided

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in the following meetings:

- Meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development on food security policies, New York, May 2011
- Meeting on the role of the media in peace consolidation, New York, December 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, New York, March 2012
- First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in 2015, New York, May 2012
- Celebration of International Human Rights Day, Geneva, December 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre has official working and cooperation relationships with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No information was provided.

3. Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America is an economic development agency. It pursues its activities in collaboration with international organizations, diplomatic missions, corporations and individuals. It is organized in three departments entrusted with commercial and financial promotion, research and training, and international cooperation. It has corporate form and is governed by articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Centre are: Participating in cooperation and commercial exchange projects and/or programmes, in collaboration with public and private institutions in Latin American countries; Providing support, guidance and advice, in Switzerland and abroad, for individual or collective initiatives in all areas of cooperation and international trade; Representing Latin American institutions in dealings with European institutions and international organizations; Promoting a variety of useful studies and research in the area of cooperation and/or trade on its own initiative or at the request of an institution; Promoting, supporting, establishing and managing projects for public and/or private institutions; Maintaining a permanent information service concerning activities related to Latin American and European countries; Organizing training programmes and refresher training courses in conjunction with other concerned institutions; and pursuing all other goals not expressly indicated above but which are likely to promote the realization of activities related to the institutional relations of the countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information was provided.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Millennium Development Goals 1 and 8 as follows:

- By promoting economic development to reduce gaps between rich and poor countries and within countries. As part of its activities, it has created two internet sites to facilitate economic and financial relations between the countries of Latin America and Europe.
- By encouraging business between small and medium-sized enterprises.
- By contributing to the training and professional development of university graduates.

4. European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home (FEFAF)

Special, 1998

Introduction

The European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home represents women and men active in the family. It keeps them informed about economic, social, legal and political issues, contributes to information sharing between its members and works with non-governmental organizations in Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and South America. It is pluralistic, apolitical and non-denominational.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation pursues the following aims for women or men whose priority activity is the care of their children or of their elderly or disabled parents.

- recognition of the human, social and economic value of unpaid work providing care, attention and education for a dependent family member;
- a specific status for those who perform such work;
- recognition of dignity and citizenship based on human and economic values;
- recognition of social rights (not related to gainful employment) while preserving rights;
- mitigation of the risk of marginalization and impoverishment to which these women and men are exposed;
- a family policy that secures the rights of families and children, taking into account the needs and life cycles of parents and children;
- compilation of data in national and European statistics on women or men working at home and the needs of families and of each family member;
- opportunity for genuine civil dialogue by giving European NGOs adequate legal and financial resources.

Significant changes in the organization

The Federation voted at one of its annual general assemblies to change its official name to European Federation of Parents and Carers at Home.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period the Federation organized events in the margins of the sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. It disseminated to the general public information on the work of ECOSOC, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women UN-Women, the European Union and other organizations working on social and women's issues, in particular by creating a Facebook page about its activities in New York, and participating in radio programmes in Ireland and Sweden about meetings of UN-Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation participated in every session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women from 2010 to 2013 (fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh sessions).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information was provided.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No information was provided.

5. Tchad agir pour l'environnement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Tchad agir pour l'environnement is an organization which concentrates on information and public awareness-raising regarding desertification and the evaporation of the surface water of Lake Chad.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's principal aim is to raise awareness about problems relating to the environment. The foundation also works on defending the fundamental rights of rural women and men and on implementing policies of sustainable development and use of renewable energy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 17th regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, May 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information was provided.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the following Millennium Development Goals:

- Goal 1: The organization works to provide children living in rural areas of Chad with the means to complete primary school.
- Goal 7: The organization's mission forms part of a vigorous campaign to preserve the environment and sustainable development and against the deforestation of the Lake Chad basin.

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1. Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Caribbean and Latin America Trade Association aims to develop: (a) trade, industry, finance and tourism business relationships and social activities; (b) help the development of economic relations between Turkey and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean; (c) facilitate contact between business persons and decision makers from Turkey and Latin America and the Caribbean; (d) provide specific industry information by keeping up-to-date information on trends, laws and the dynamics of economics; and (e) develop direct cooperation between private and public institutions, chambers of commerce and industry, professional organizations, foundations, associations and unions in Turkey and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to organize conferences, send delegations from countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to relevant conferences and organize cultural programmes and events for charitable purposes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Representatives of the Association participated in several business councils to explain and promote business in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
- In collaboration with the local chambers of commerce, representatives of the Association visited governors and mayors of several cities in Turkey, where they also organized business meetings
- Representatives of the Association gave speeches in Turkish universities, including Okan University and Bahcesehir University, to promote intercultural dialogue between Latin American countries and Turkey
- Representatives of the Association met several ambassadors and officials from Latin American countries and introduced representatives of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Turkish businesses and the educational community to them
- The Association edited a book about the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Representatives of the Association attended the 64th annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011
- Representatives of the Association attended the Civil Society Forum at the United Nations, held in New York on 31 January 2012

- Representatives of the Association attended the side event entitled "How to make it happen: shaping international development cooperation for the effective implementation of the post-2015 development framework", held at United Nations Headquarters on 26 September 2014

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Representatives of the Association actively worked to strengthen relationships between Turkish universities and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in promoting educational partnerships.

2. Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations

General, 2002

Introduction

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations was founded in 1948 as an independent international coalition of NGOs with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, or a similar relationship with another agency of the United Nations system. The organization's more than 500 members worldwide relate to one or many items of the United Nations agenda, and interact at the policy and operational levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with most parts of the United Nations system to enhance opportunities for NGOs to collectively access United Nations processes, deliberations and debates, to bring the collective voice of citizens' associations to the United Nations table. The organization fosters cooperation and dialogue among NGOs on United Nations issues, and between NGOs collectively and the different entities of the United Nations system. The organization promotes and enhances the principles, purposes and effectiveness of relations between the United Nations and NGOs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the concerns of the organization cover the full gamut of the United Nations system, it has generated, facilitated or channelled collective NGO inputs on substantive issues throughout the agencies, commissions, departments and programmes of the entire system. In each year of the reporting period, the organization has organized and shared responsibility for civil society forums and seminars relating to the themes of the Economic and Social Council, or the several United Nations world conferences or summits.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Throughout the reporting period, the organization has been represented at the sessions of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, the regional economic and social commissions, the World Summit on the Information Society forums, the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization, notably through its several substantive committees, each dealing with one or more issues on the United Nations agenda, has regularly submitted policy papers for the consideration of participating governmental delegates, and also submitted programmes of action, agreed conclusions and similar outcome documents for review and editing. Governmental delegations and the relevant United Nations Secretariat offices have regularly been invited to the organization's forums and seminars on United Nations issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Throughout the reporting period the organization has promoted the Millennium Development Goals wholeheartedly through information packages and by highlighting progress on achieving the Goals at its various forums and seminars. In 2012 and 2013, the organization underscored, in its activities and newsletters, the progression from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals, leading to the publication, starting in 2012, of a series of communications focusing on the progress towards the post-2015 development agenda, mobilizing awareness and support for this vital initiative.

3. Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Special, 1998

Introduction

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh is an international organization for religious, social, educational, humanitarian and voluntary service in Bangladesh in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works for the rehabilitation and development of tribal areas and to improve the situation for unemployed young men and women, orphaned children and men, women and children who have suffered from disaster throughout Bangladesh.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization is working for the following income-generating projects in Bangladesh, which have:

- Rehabilitated 3,000 orphaned children in 15 orphanages in rural areas every three years through education and vocational training
- Rehabilitated 2,000 distressed women each year through vocational training
- Rehabilitated 50,000 men and women of Chittagong divisional tribal area through microcredit activities

4. Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International

Special, 2010

Introduction

Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International is a partnership of humanitarian and development organizations dedicated to ensuring greater accountability to people affected by crises through the promotion of a standard on quality and accountability. Its mission is to make humanitarian and development action accountable to the people. The organization has developed a humanitarian standard in accountability and quality management and certifies organizations accordingly. In 2013, the organization, together with People in Aid and the Sphere Project, began to work on a core humanitarian standard on quality and accountability to ensure a common standard and more consistent use of standards in the humanitarian sector. The organization comprises a global membership of organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to develop and maintain the humanitarian standard in accountability and quality management; support members and potential members in applying the standard, including United Nations agencies; enable monitoring and reporting on implementation of the standard; and certify its members according to the standard. It has a global complaints mechanism and assists members in finding solutions when concerns or complaints are raised about them.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

All the organization's activities are aimed at improving the development assistance provided by the United Nations and at making humanitarian and development organizations accountable to the recipients of such assistance. In this way, the organization contributes to the achievement of the development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Attended non-governmental partner events organized by United Nations agencies such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat
- Attended a number of committee meetings, including on the World Humanitarian Summit, and collaborated with the Policy Development and Studies Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on a global study on humanitarian effectiveness
- Was an active member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse since December 2010 and of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Accountability to Affected Populations
- Attended and contributed to a seminar on a community-based complaints mechanism, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24 and 25 May 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010, the organization:

- Received funding from UNHCR and the World Food Programme (WFP) for deployments to Kenya and Kyrgyzstan
- Signed a hosting agreement with UNHCR in Kenya
- Facilitated contributions to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-led consultations on the future of joint humanitarian impact evaluations in Bangladesh and southern Sudan
- Provided input as part of an expert consultation committee assisting the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to develop the humanitarian dashboard. Made presentations on accountability to staff of UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kenya, Switzerland, the United States of America and Haiti

In 2011, the organization:

- Signed a memorandum of understanding with IOM to produce a joint publication on communication with affected communities during emergencies

- Made a presentation on accountability for staff of UNHCR and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kenya

In 2012 and 2013, the organization:

- Contributed to the development of the UNHCR advanced investigation workshop
- Seconded members of its staff to UNHCR headquarters (September-December 2012, October-December 2013) and to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Central African Republic, February-May 2014) to enhance accountability in their programmes
- United Nations representatives were invited to the organization's general assemblies

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Every activity of the organization has an impact on the Millennium Development Goals by ensuring that more accountable humanitarian and development assistance is provided to people in crisis or in poverty.

5. Native American Rights Fund

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-governmental organization founded in the United States in 1970 to represent indigenous peoples in the United States on issues that affect them domestically and internationally. The organization has litigated some of the landmark indigenous issues including in the Supreme Court of the United States and has lobbied extensively in Congress on a range of indigenous issues. The organization worked internationally, including on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and was involved in the climate change processes linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization represents indigenous peoples in their efforts to secure their rights domestically and internationally. It is guided by five priorities: the preservation of tribal existence; the protection of tribal natural resources; the promotion of human rights; accountability of Governments to tribes; and the development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian law, interests, rights and issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through its work of protecting the human rights of indigenous peoples. This has included negotiating

and/or lobbying at the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the General Assembly for the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has lobbied on behalf of indigenous peoples and helped draft statements from the indigenous caucus. In addition, it has participated in the following meetings and negotiation sessions of the United Nations:

In 2013:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 29 April to 3 May 2013
- Twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 20 to 31 May 2013
- Meetings of the Third Committee of the General Assembly held in New York from 20 to 23 October 2013
- Nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013

In 2012:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 14 to 25 May 2012
- Eighteenth session of Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012

In 2011:

- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 16 to 27 May 2011
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 17 June and in Panama City from 1 to 7 October 2011
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 11 December 2011
- Informal United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting with indigenous peoples and Mexico, South Africa and other States in preparation for the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

In 2010:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meetings held in Bonn, Germany, in May, June and July and in Tianjin, China, from 4 to 9 October 2010

- Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with United Nation bodies by participating in a wide range of activities, as already mentioned.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's work on the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is related to the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals, as the rights in the Declaration are crucial to the development of hundreds of millions of indigenous peoples worldwide.

6. Universitas 21

Special, 2010

Introduction

From its origins in Melbourne in 1997, Universitas 21 has grown into a vibrant community of research-intensive universities that collaborate in areas of common interest and application to students, faculty members, universities and higher education more widely. The organization is a network of 26 universities from around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is the leading global network of research-intensive universities that work together to foster global citizenship and institutional innovation through research-inspired teaching and learning, student mobility, connecting our students and staff, and wider advocacy for internationalization.

Significant changes in the organization

There has been a change in the membership status since the organization was granted consultative status in 2010. It now has 26 members in total, with the addition of new members from South Africa and Chile.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization continues to support the work of the United Nations, principally through student engagement in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It has also organized summer schools on human rights (2013), conflict resolution (2011), food security (2010) and climate change adaptation (2009), all informed by an awareness of the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 63rd annual Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 August to 1 September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a partner in the United Nations Academic Impact, which is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in furthering the realization of the purposes and mandate of the Organization through activities and research in a shared culture of intellectual and social responsibility.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization developed a model for health sciences students to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals; that model has now been employed eight times. The organization has also developed materials to raise awareness of the Goals and is currently building links with a partner in Nepal to give students practical experience of working on the Goals.

7. Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung

Special, 2010

Introduction

Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung is a partner organization of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights with access rights to the Austrian Parliament, the European Parliament and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The organization's activities are national and global. The organization includes high-level experts in the fields of economy, ecology, society/social issues and crime prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with Governments and civil society to build on the momentum generated by Millennium Development Goals 3, 7 and 8.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Since 2010, the organization has been a member of the following NGO committees that support the work of the United Nations Office at Vienna: the NGO Committee on Ageing; the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; the NGO Committee on Peace; the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs; and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

– It participated in the Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice that maintains relations with UNODC and in the Academic Council on the United Nations System. Since 2010, the organization has presented reports, statements, comments and expertise at seven United Nations committees on the subjects of ageing, peace, equality and empowerment for women, crime prevention and criminal justice, drugs and sustainable development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period the organization participated in 112 various conferences, symposiums and meetings of the United Nations and presented statements, comments and expertise on several themes and fields, both alone and jointly with United Nations committees.

It also organized:

- A side event entitled "Migration-integration-security", held in Vienna on 15 April 2011
- A side event entitled "Criminal waste, the cost to women", held in Vienna on 25 April 2013, organized in collaboration with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contributed written statements at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences on 29 November 2010 in Cancun, Mexico; on 26 November 2011 in Durban, South Africa; on 2 November 2012 in Doha; and during the conference in November 2013 in Warsaw. The written statements dealt with the global principle of mutual assistance in environmental emergencies, worldwide disaster plan, led by the United Nations; legal recognition of the term "environmental refugee" and expansion of the asylum law to environmental causes.

The organization also contributed a written statement on sustainable development at the high-level segment of the 2012 session of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York in July.

Furthermore, it submitted written comments on the theme "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all" at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 6 to 15 February 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization promoted Millennium Development Goals 3, 7 and 8:

- Goal 3. The organization has been a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women since 2010
- Goals 7 and 8. Since 2010 the organization is the founding member of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development

8. Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization conducts advocacy activities for making women more effective in social and economic life, and for achieving gender equality in all aspects of life. The organization supports the solidarity with NGOs that deal with women's rights. Regardless of nationality, religion or ethnic background, the organization believes in the need to think, grow and prosper together. The organization will pursue its quest of creating a peaceful and prosperous world while employing a unique women's language.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main mission is to develop entrepreneurship among women to strengthen their status economically and socially. Its vision is to create a world in which women are free and play an effective role in decision-making processes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of women's empowerment principles, the organization developed an equal opportunities model for Turkey, with technical assistance from the World Bank, that focuses on equal opportunities in the workplace. The project was launched in 2011 with the participation of the President of the World Bank and the chief executive officers of 11 private sector companies. The objective of the project is to help the private sector to focus on certain key elements that are integral for promoting gender equality in the workplace, the marketplace and the community, promoting gender equity in employment and earnings, enhancing the productivity of women in the Turkish labour force and promoting equal opportunity in the business world. The gender equity certification programme is voluntary and can be implemented by companies and organizations wishing to demonstrate their commitment to gender equity. A certificate is awarded to organizations whose policies and practices meet the criteria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in all the sessions of the Commission on the Status on Women with delegations of 15 to 20 people and organized a side event to present one of the organization's projects as a good practice from Turkey in line with the theme of the Commission's sessions. The organization was involved in the following meetings:

- In 2012, the organization hosted a side event for the international launch of the equal opportunities model
- At the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status on Women, held in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013, the organization and Vodafone Turkey Foundation organized a panel event on women's movement in technology and hosted a side event

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the International Trade Centre and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook a number of activities that directly and indirectly supported the Millennium Development Goals. These included: establishing the European Network of Mentors for Women Entrepreneurs, a project sponsored by the European Union; establishing the national Women Entrepreneurship Platform; training more than 6,000 women through various training programmes nationwide; launching a women entrepreneurship programme in South-East European countries; organizing innovation camps to promote social entrepreneurship on gender equality; organizing panels at the European Parliament and at the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on women's issues; and launching public campaigns and national and international lobbying efforts for the empowerment of women.

9. Women's Intercultural Network

Special, 1998

Introduction

The mission of Women's Intercultural Network is to make sure that all women and girls have a voice in their Government and economy. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, provided the vital framework for the organization's mission.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims for all women and girls to have a voice in public forums and links women and girls across cultures and communities both globally and in the United States to meet the need for greater connectivity and collaboration to address and shape public policy issues. This purpose has led the organization to work in California on building the first United States policy mechanism focused on implementing the Platform for Action, now known globally as the "California women's agenda". The organization is a network that organizes, not an organization that networks. It seeks to link organizations into networks that will make them stronger and increase cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

The economic downturn has had a significant impact on funding for NGOs in recent years, leading to, over 300 women's organizations closing in California alone. As a result of this pressure, the organization's international programme refocused and started to teleconferences with global partners instead of meeting in person.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization agreed to help the NGO Committee on the Status of Women to launch a national campaign in support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women through a grass-roots effort in the United States called "Cities for CEDAW". Every five years the organization surveys the California women's agenda and United States networks for new issues, challenges, priorities and submits them for consideration in United Nations reviews of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization convened panels at events held in parallel to the sessions of the Commission on the Status on Women, for which it accredited 100 delegates. The panels convened during this period were held in New York and focused on:

- "Winning strategies for gender equality", 1 March 2010
- "Technology tools for women's organizations and networks", 25 February 2011
- "Economic participation of rural and indigenous women", 28 February 2012
- "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls", 4 March 2013

As a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the organization met with the Chair of the Committee in September 2013 and agreed to partner for a national "Cities for CEDAW" campaign.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with United Nations bodies by forwarding all United Nations documents to California and members worldwide for information and engagement. It briefs delegates and members of the organization before and after each session of the Commission on the Status on Women and reports on the outcomes to elected officials. Indigenous members serve on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The organization also submits written statements each year on themes under consideration by the Commission on the Status on Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supports the Millennium Development Goals by taking note of poverty and economic inequality for women and giving briefings throughout California.

10. World Federalist Movement

Special, 1970

Introduction

Founded in 1947, the World Federalist Movement is a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to the realization of global peace and justice through the development of democratic institutions and the application of international law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to advance the global promise of peace and is committed to building a safer and more just world. The organization includes a comprehensive set of programmes that work to protect civilians from the threat of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity; facilitate transparency in governance; increase access to justice; and promote the application of the rule of law.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Working in partnership with the United Nations, Governments and civil society, the organization's main programmes are:

- The Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a network of more than 2,500 civil society organizations from 150 countries that is leading the global fight to end genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity through a commitment to the core values of human rights and justice
- The international democratic governance programme works to improve the effectiveness of international institutions, promote transparency in the United Nations reform process and mobilize civil society to take concerted action where it can be most effective
- The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect is a global network of civil society organizations dedicated to promoting the responsibility to protect by increasing understanding of the norm, strengthening actors' capacity to prevent and respond to crimes committed as a result of non-compliance with the principle of the responsibility to protect and advancing the development of the norm to ensure that it is upheld consistently and effectively

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has closely followed the discussions on enhancing the role and responsibilities of NGOs in Economic and Social Council forums and the General Assembly.

Activities organized by the organization include:

- Joint information session with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on the rule of law, United Nations Headquarters, June 2012

- Press conference on the first-ever verdict by the International Criminal Court, the case of Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, United Nations Headquarters, New York, March 2012
- Various informal briefings with civil society and the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect at the organization's office. For example a briefing on the priorities of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide was given on 16 October 2012

– Joint consultations with civil society and Member States convened by the organization to contribute information to the 2013 report of the Secretary-General entitled "Responsibility to protect: State responsibility and prevention"

The organization monitored:

- The Peacebuilding Commission, and regularly posted updates on the Commission's work on its website
- The high-level political forum on sustainable development and subsequent sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, while participating in discussions on the role of civil society in this process
- Developments on reform issues including Economic and Social Council reform, revitalization of General Assembly, management and Secretariat reform, system-wide coherence and Security Council reform

The organization also hosts the secretariat of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Through its various programmes, the organization worked closely with a number of United Nations bodies, such as:

- The General Assembly, including by maintaining regular contact with delegates. Ahead of the 2013 General Assembly dialogue entitled "The responsibility to protect: State responsibility and prevention", the organization encouraged all Member States to participate in the discussion
- The Security Council by engaging bilaterally with its members to advocate for the inclusion of strong responsibility to protect and International Criminal Court language in relevant resolutions and statements
- The Human Rights Council by encouraging more robust use of the universal periodic review mechanism and regularly requesting that States make recommendations about the International Criminal Court to States coming under review
- As a member of the Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign, the organization played a critical role in the campaign leading to the creation of UN-Women

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization closely monitors and reports on the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals. In regard to the Open Working Group on Sustainable

Development Goals, the organization prepared and distributed a memorandum on the links between the post-2015 development framework, the rule of law and international justice. The organization also engages in the work of UN-Women and works to emphasize gender mainstreaming in the post-2015 process.

11. World for World Organization

Special, 2006

Introduction

World for World Organization is a non-profit organization that operates in Italy and internationally. Its mandate is to increase public awareness about global development issues, focusing on development cooperation and resource mobilization, to adequately and decisively respond to global concerns, to strengthen capacity to enhance contributions to human security and local sustainable development programmes in developing countries, and to contribute to the Millennium Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to secure the empowerment of local communities and by empowering women and children's groups in developing countries so that they can improve the quality of life of their beneficiaries through greater food security and better access to drinking water, health-care services, education and capacity-building opportunities. The organization also aims to raise the public's awareness, mobilize resources and support development humanitarian projects on relief and rehabilitations programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the United Nations through advocacy, commemorating United Nations days, attending meetings, submitting written statements to the Economic and Social Council at its high-level segment's annual ministerial review. The organization organized briefing sessions on United Nations days (including World AIDS Day, World Food Day and World Water Day) to raise awareness about Council activities, the Millennium Development Goals and initiatives on education, among other topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following major United Nations conferences between 2010 and 2013:

- Economic and Social Council, high-level segment, annual ministerial review, New York, 2010-2013
- Commission on the Status of Women, fifty-fourth session, New York, 1-12 March 2010; fifty-fifth session, 22 February-4 March 2011; and fifth-sixth session, 27 February-9 March 2012

The organization also attended:

- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2-13 May 2011
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization organized briefing sessions to support Millennium Development Goals campaigns and provided advocacy and communications support to the work of the United Nations. Among other things, the organization:

- Submitted a paper to the World Summit on the Information Society Forum, held in Geneva from 16 to 20 May 2011
- Supported the preparation of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012, as part of the communication expert team
- Developed an advocacy and communication programme on the theme "Water for life", 2012
- Contributed to a paper on forests for food security and nutrition for consideration by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations 2013

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to poverty alleviation efforts by initiating programmes and relief operations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The activities included:

- Nutritional care for women and children, maternal care, rehabilitation programmes, programmes for internally displaced people in Afghanistan by distributing food and other basic needs, and a programme of rehabilitation for returnees (Millennium Development Goal 1)
- Nutritious school meals for primary school children which helped to increase school attendance (Goal 2)
- Programme on health practices, personal hygiene and malaria vaccines in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean (Goals 1, 2 and 3)
- Training course and capacity-building programmes for women and girls in Africa and Asia (Goal 3)
- Programme on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy by providing kits to rural communities in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ghana, Benin, Niger and Nigeria (Goal 6)
- Tree-planting programmes to fight desertification and provide support to communities in sub–Saharan Africa (Goal 7)

12. World Information Transfer

General, 2002

Introduction

World Information Transfer promotes environmental health and literacy. In 1987, inspired by the Chernobyl nuclear tragedy, the organization was formed in recognition of the pressing need to provide accurate and actionable information about our deteriorating global environment and its effect on human health to opinion leaders, concerned citizens and youth around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 1989, the organization has published the *World Ecology Report*, a quarterly digest of critical issues in health and environment, produced in four languages and distributed to thousands of citizens throughout the developing and developed world. The organization works in the following fields: health, environment, development and humanitarian aid. Furthermore, it convenes a global forum on growing clinical evidence supporting the link between degrading environments and diminished human health.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization organized annual conferences on International Conference on Health and Environment: Global Partners for Global Solutions at United Nations Headquarters in New York, co-sponsored by the Government of Ukraine and other Member States, with the cooperation of the World Health Organization, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- The organization produced a CD-ROM library project in conjunction with UNDP that contains development and health information for distribution to schools and centres in Ukraine
- The organization contributed various statements to the annual ministerial review during the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals" held in Geneva from 1 to 4 July 2013

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization's representatives participated as observers in the following meetings:

- Nineteenth and twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2-13 May 2011 and 20 September 2013

- Forty-eighth to fifty-first sessions of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 3-12 February 2010, 9-18 February 2011, 1-10 February 2012 and 6-15 February 2013
- Fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March 2010, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012 and 4-15 March 2013
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012
- High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, Geneva, 1-4 July 2013
- Ninth to twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

– Conferences on financing for development, 2010-2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has worked with UNDP on the organization's CD-ROM development library project described above. The CD-ROM was distributed by UNDP in Ukraine. See above for meetings co-sponsored with United Nations' bodies, programmes and departments.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Goal 1. Implemented poverty eradication initiatives in countries in transition through the dissemination of science-based knowledge and the provision of humanitarian aid Goal 7. Integrated the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes to reverse the loss of environmental resources by convening annual conferences that brought together experts, policy makers, students and the public. The conferences addressed the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986 by examining the interrelationship between environmental deterioration, human health and the role of education, particularly within the context of progress towards Millennium Development Goals that relate to children's health, environmental sustainability and universal education.

13. World Leisure Organization

Special, 1990

Introduction

The World Leisure Organization is a worldwide, non-governmental voluntary organization that operates on the premise that leisure is vital in enhancing the human condition. The organization is dedicated to discovering and fostering those conditions that permit leisure to serve as a force to optimize collective and individual well-being in the context of play, recreation, the arts, culture, sport, festivals and celebrations, health and fitness, travel and tourism.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization, through its programmes, research and education: (a) promotes leisure as integral to social, cultural and economic development for the benefit of individuals, communities, and nations; (b) promotes the rights of all people to experience high-quality leisure; and (c) recognizes the special requirements related to disability, age, gender, social status, poverty, domicile and education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations in the following ways: (a) created sessions at all the organization's congresses to discuss the Millennium Development Goals and the relationships between them and leisure; (b) submitted a document entitled "Leisure as a site of inequality and a means of addressing inequality" to UNICEF and UN-Women's call for papers addressing inequalities in the post-2015 development agenda in October 2012; (c) observed World Humanitarian Day on 19 August 2012, and launched a social media campaign through the organization's social networking sites and website.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

In 2013:

- Representatives participated in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Congress entitled "Culture: key to sustainable development", held in Hangzhou, China, from 15 to 17 May 2013. It succeeded in having the term "leisure" included in the final proclamation that will be part of the post-2015 development agenda.

In 2012:

- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, 1-10 February
- Civil Society Forum, convened by the NGO Committee for Social Development

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization collaborated with the International Play Association on a project that led to the Committee on the Rights of the Child issuing a general comment related to article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2013
- A representative of UNESCO presented a statement at the organization's second World Leisure EXPO, held in Hangzhou, China, from 17 September to 18 November 2011, that focused on the theme of "Leisure: enhancing quality of life". The UNESCO representative also published an article entitled "Leisure and culture: the (in)visible link in modern societies" in the organization's *World Leisure Journal*
- The organization is a designated affiliate member of the World Tourism Organization

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization addressed several elements of the Millennium Development Goals:

- The themes of the biannual World Leisure Congress have been developed to align with the work of the United Nations, specifically the Millennium Development Goals
- Goal 3. Promoted gender equality and the empowerment of women by ensuring their participation at all events of the organization and diversifying the Board of Directors by electing women to serve on the board
- Goal 8. Co-sponsored the Global Forum for Physical Education Pedagogy, held in Velen, Germany, from 9 to 11 May 2012, that focused on building a worldwide network among professional, government officials, educators and researchers to address issues related to obesity and overweight among children and youth worldwide.

14. World Organization against Torture

Special consultative status: 1998

Introduction

Established in 1986, the World Organization against Torture is today the main international coalition of non-governmental organizations fighting against torture, summary executions, forced disappearances and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. From its headquarters in Geneva, the organization coordinates the 297-member SOS-Torture network of non-governmental organizations and strives to strengthen and complement the activities of organizations working on the ground. The organization provides its member organizations with the tools and services they need to carry out their work, in order to help them enhance their effectiveness in preventing and condemning torture, prosecuting the perpetrators of serious violations and providing victims with assistance, including rehabilitation.

Aims

The organization seeks to help eradicate torture, summary executions, enforced disappearances, arrests and arbitrary detentions and any other punishment or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and to protect victims and potential victims, including human-rights defenders and specific groups (women, children and people living in extreme poverty), through a global network of civil society organizations working in partnership and solidarity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In accordance with its mandate, the organization maintains very close working relations with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. From 2010

to 2013, it made no fewer than 1,814 requests for urgent interventions on behalf of several thousand victims, including human-rights defenders, who have contributed to the special procedures system. This collaboration is not limited to condemning cases of grave violations, inasmuch as a dialogue is being established with those mechanisms on how best to act effectively on the basis of specific cases.

- Supporting United Nations treaty bodies is also important to the organization. From 2010 to 2013, in close partnership with members and partners of its SOS-Torture network, the organization submitted 23 alternative reports and information/follow-up notes to the Human Rights Committee, the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Committee, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- From 2010 to 2013, the organization actively participated in Human Rights Council sessions, at which it spoke on various agenda items related to its mandate. It was also involved in the interactive dialogues with mandate holders, the annual meetings on the rights of the child and the universal periodic review.
- It also spoke at the Forum on Business and Human Rights, at which it sought to draw attention to the issue of human-rights defenders.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2010 to 2013, the organization worked actively with United Nations treaty bodies, including the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by submitting alternative reports and follow-up notes on the following countries: Benin, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Greece, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Switzerland, Togo, Uruguay. Those submissions were prepared in close partnership with the member non-governmental organizations and partners of the SOS-Torture network.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The strategy to combat torture and ill-treatment developed by the organization includes the fight against extreme poverty (Goal 1). Torture and ill-treatment mostly affect people from less privileged social classes. In addition, a socioeconomic situation characterized by poverty, social exclusion and unequal distribution of productive resources undoubtedly plays a role in the occurrence of torture. With regard to the rehabilitation of victims, or compensation and reparation, the entire socioeconomic context, together with the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, become all the more relevant when considering such issues as access to justice and reintegration into mainstream society.

Since its inception, the organization has sought to integrate the analysis of the socioeconomic causes of torture into all its activities.

15. Youth Empowerment Alliance

Special, 2006

Introduction

Youth Empowerment Alliance is an international NGO focused on the creation, implementation and advertisement of global projects that enhance the lives of children. The organization has been in operation since 1999 and has affiliations with all major child-serving organizations globally. With youth and/or consultant representation in every country in the world, the organization offers a broad expertise on global issues such as media, migration, adoption, juvenile justice, child labour (including trafficking and exploitation), children's rights, education, social development, academic research and legal theory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to giving children a voice in the world in which they live, by providing storytelling tools and distribution mechanisms. The organization works with the mainstream and social media to share these stories when they are in the best interest of children as a whole. It provides free tools for children and schools to create and have stories published on demand, so that they can savour them for many more years to come.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Given the advent of on-demand printing, the organization has broadened its capacity to serve all children who seek the tools to tell their own story. Through its "rescue writing" programme, children are provided online teaching tools that can be used in a classroom, in a group setting or at home to write and illustrate stories. For the organization's global programme, this is especially useful in capturing local and community stories and folklore to be retained for years to come in places like Haiti, where the family stories and cultural traditions were buried in the earthquake and hurricanes, this is especially powerful and meaningful.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively served in a leadership capacity of the working group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child to assure passage of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure which allows for the enforcement of the complaints mechanism for the Convention. The founder of the organization worked directly with the Committee on the Rights of the Child to coordinate the writing and passage of the complaints mechanism. It was then passed by the Human Rights Council and then by the Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure and ultimately by the General Assembly. The organization had an active role in this process and continues to advocate for the Convention on the Rights of the Child in its daily work.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization published the book *A Commentary on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 17 — Access to a Diversity of Mass Media Resources*, which serves as the legal interpretation of article 17 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This book serves as a legal reference and authority as part of a series and is utilized by all NGOs, lawyers and United Nations agencies when seeking guidance about the Convention.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The work of the organization directly supports the United Nations treaty bodies in their support of children. As a specialist in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the organization often consults with businesses, United Nations agencies and NGOs on how to effectively serve children within their organization.

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1. African Services Committee

Special, 1998

Introduction

African Services Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and self-sufficiency of the African community in New York and beyond.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Committee's mission is to improve the health and self-sufficiency of immigrants and refugees of the African diaspora. Its principal activities include linkage to primary care, including medical escort and interpretation; HIV prevention training; outreach legal services; testing for HIV, sexually transmitted disease, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis; early intervention services and case management; housing placement assistance for people with AIDS; mental health services; English for speakers of other languages classes; food and nutrition services; and screening for diabetes and hypertension. The Committee is the oldest non-profit organization in New York serving African and Caribbean immigrants.

Significant changes in the organization

In June 2011, a series of budget cuts led to a reduction in staff and a concomitant reduction of service targets in the HIV/sexually transmitted disease prevention programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A significant "win" for the Committee's advocacy for deferred action guidelines has been the adoption of requests for evidence by the United States of America Citizenship and Immigration Services for some Deferred Action requests. The Committee had been advocating relentlessly with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and in its monthly meetings with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters for the implementation of uniform standards for a successful deferred action request for HIV-positive individuals. This is a step in the right direction and is an acknowledgment by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the benefits of a more transparent assessment procedure.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Committee continued to work on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through its participation in the board and thematic meetings, consultations, and agendas of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the International Drug Purchase Facility, UNITAID (a global health initiative in great part financed by a solidarity levy on airline tickets, hosted by the World Health Organization), and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Committee was the non-governmental organization (NGO) representative on the Executive Board of UNITAID between 2010 and 2013. It has also served as a member of the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism for Ethiopia since 2007.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the post-2015 development framework concerning AIDS from 2013 to the present, the Committee has been educating country missions on the need to include migrant HIV indicators in the final post-2015 development outcome document. The Committee's work in providing health, housing, legal and human rights services to over 6,000 immigrants in the African diaspora each year, as well as health services to over 30,000 people per year in Ethiopia, supports the objective of the Millennium Development Goals.

2. African Youth Movement

Special, 2006

Introduction

The African Youth Movement has been active through engaging talented young African professionals to develop the organization and its services.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advocates for free education for youth in Nigeria and elsewhere in Africa by creating a network for science education advocacy and advocating for investment in science education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports current discussions on the post-2015 development agenda goals, including the dialogue on the post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, a 10-year international disaster risk reduction plan facilitated by the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On 23 October 2013, the organization organized a rally in Abuja to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction. It had previously addressed delegates at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It joined the Secretary-General, and Stevie Wonder at the General Assembly to propose a disability-inclusive society.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Since 2009, the organization has partnered with the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction, a collaborating centre of the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction on the "Views from the Frontline" programme, implemented through community risk assessment, that produces creative and informative materials to enhance the capacity of grass-roots to educate others on climate change adaptability
- In 2011 and 2012, the organization was invited to speak on students' education at the World Innovation Summit for Education, held in Doha, an initiative of the Qatar Foundation and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- In 2011 and 2012, the organization was endorsed by the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to organize the "Step up Nigeria" campaign in support of activities to mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction on 13 October 2011 and on 13 October 2012, in a bid to actualize the Hyogo Framework for Action
- The organization produced country reports for 2011, 2012 and 2013 on the "Views from the Frontline" programme in Nigeria, which was part of the global report produced by the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction for the sessions of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization developed the "Nigeria at a centenary: Transformation agenda on illicit drugs, terrorism, violence and criminal justice" to reduce conflict and risk in rural areas.

3. Agencia Latinoamericana de Información

Special, 1998

Introduction

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información is a communications organization committed to human rights, gender equality and citizen participation in public affairs and development in Latin America. Its action is part of the struggle to democratize communication as a basic condition of democratic life and of social justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to formulate and develop responses to the various challenges of communication as a strategic area for social action. It aims to develop an alternative communication proposal for the establishment of a new, democratic, large, decentralized and multicultural communications fabric in accordance with the processes of social transformation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization's contributions have been undertaken mainly in relation to the follow-up to the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted at the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, particularly in relation to equitable access to information and knowledge; the role of information and communications technologies for economic growth and development; capacity-building in information and communications technologies for vulnerable groups; proposals for domestic legislation relating to media plurality and diversity; and access to quality content and knowledge through media
- The organization contributed to developing and disseminating analysis, content and proposals in support of civil society contributions in the United Nations and related processes on those issues, as well as other issues, including climate change; sustainable development and development alternatives; implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001; proposals for an international year of indigenous communication; and for the proposed United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated actively in the following events:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012
- Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 11 December 2011
- International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, on 2 December 2011
- Non-governmental organizations forum at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization implemented a project in collaboration with UNESCO to develop a Latin American programme on "Towards the construction of a democratic agenda in communication" with over 20 alternative media groups between 2010 and 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The organization developed a training programme (2010-2011) on gender and communication with leaders and communicators of Latin American social movements; published training materials; and promoted the strategic use of information and communications technologies, especially among rural, indigenous and women's organizations in Latin America, including counselling and training (2010-2013)
- The organization contributed to the work of Latin American rural organizations relating to the proposed United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- The organization published several editions of its monthly Spanish language magazine, *America Latina en movimiento*, which were dedicated to issues directly related to United Nations processes, such as a critique of the green economy, in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and the right to water, in preparation for climate change negotiations and the United Nations declaration of water as a human right, among others

4. Antioch Christian Centre

Special, 2002

Introduction

Antioch Christian Centre is based in Llanelli, South Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It has connections with Bulgaria, Nepal, Romania and India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization takes a multilayered approach to improving the social and economic quality of life in Llanelli. The organization offers a range of facilities, activities and services to build community, specifically targeting the socially excluded, including disadvantaged youth and children; families in crisis; addicts; and the unemployed.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization educates the general public and especially young people about the role of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women every year during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked in Wales, India, Bulgaria and other countries to achieve the following Millennium Development Goals:

In support of Goal 1:

- Provided children and young people with access to creative learning environments to build self-esteem to enable them to move away from social exclusion to acceptability and employment
- Subsidized business start-up units; provided training and employment skills to young people through a youth centre in Bulgaria; provided funding for young people to work overseas in disadvantaged communities and poor rural areas and orphanages in Argentina, Bulgaria, India, Morocco, Mozambique and Peru
- Distributed food to those suffering financial hardship in Bulgaria, Morocco and Wales

In support of Goal 3:

- Provided a course in English for speakers of other languages to Nepalese women
- Raised awareness of sex trafficking issues

5. Association for Sustainable Human Development

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Association for Sustainable Human Development was established to transform the human development index into a sustainable development index.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Association is to advocate and spread the main ideas, principles and values of sustainable development theory; to promote and assist in the creation of the corresponding institutions; and elaborate and implement concepts and strategic programmes in the field of the environment and sustainable development on the national and local levels, for the sustainable development of Armenia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Environment Outlook assessment, including the following:

- In 2011, the Association, with the support of UNEP and the Norwegian centre Grid-Arendal, implemented the "Integrated assessment of the Lake Sevan environmental conditions: GEO-Lake Sevan" project; in 2012, the Association contributed to the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment *Global Environment Outlook: Environment for the Future We Want* to promote principles of sustainable development
- The Association was a member of the national commission on preparing Armenia's participation in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and contributed to the report of Armenia entitled "'Rio+20' National Assessment Report" (Yerevan, 2012)
- Within the framework of the joint initiative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on supporting national preparations to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Association participated in the elaboration of the stocktaking/synthesis report on "Progress and challenges for sustainable development in Armenia"
- In December 2013, the Association, with financial support from UNDP and technical support of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, published the third updated version of a university-level textbook on "The theory and practice of sustainable development: the worldwide process and Armenia"
- In light of the United Nations "Decade of Education for Sustainable Development", the Association participated in the Earth Charter event in June 2010, in The Hague, and gave a presentation on the role of the Earth Charter in the education for sustainable development system in Armenia

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the following meetings:

- UNEP regional consultations for Europe for the preparation of the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment process, held in Geneva in 2010 and 2011
- Eleventh special session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 24 to 26 February 2010
- Seventh "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference of the Economic Commission for Europe, held in Astana from 21 to 23 September 2011
- Economic Commission for Europe Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Geneva, on 1 and 2 December 2011
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, at which the Association presented a report on "The transformation of the human development index into a

sustainable development index: experience of Armenia" at the side event on "Sustainable development index methodology-possible options", organized by Armenia, on 15 June 2012;

- Economic Commission for Europe Regional Consultation on the theme "Inclusive and sustainable development: perspectives from Europe and Central Asia on the post-2015 development agenda", held in Turkey, Istanbul, on 7 and 8 November 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Association, in collaboration with UNDP and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, organized celebrations of the World Environment Day and seminars devoted to climate change and combating desertification in Yerevan on 19 April and 17 June 2010
- The Association assisted the Government of Armenia and UNDP Armenia in organizing a side event on "Sustainable development index methodology-possible options", on 15 June 2012, during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The textbook for universities prepared by the Association includes broad information about the Millennium Development Goals
- In 2010, the Association contributed to the preparation of the progress report 2010 on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Armenia"

6. Baha'i International Community

Special, 1970

Introduction

The Baha'i International Community has affiliates in over 180 countries representing over 5 million members of the Baha'i faith.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to contribute to the processes of advancing human civilization by bringing the principles of the Baha'i faith and the insight and experience of its worldwide membership to bear on the issues under consideration by the United Nations, including: the oneness of humanity; the elimination of all forms of prejudice; the equality of men and women; the nobility of the human being; the elimination of extremes of wealth and poverty; universal education; freedom of conscience; an ethic of sustainability; the harmony of science and religion; unity in diversity; and consultation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization attended the following sessions of the Human Rights Council where it delivered statements on the situation of Baha'is in the Islamic Republic of Iran: thirteenth to fifteenth session (1-26 March 2010, 31 May-18 June 2010, 13 September-1 October 2010), seventeenth to twenty-first session (30 May-17 June 2011, 12-30 September 2011, 27 February-23 March 2012, 18 June-6 July 2012, 10-28 September 2012) and twenty-third session (27 May-14 June 2013)
- It took part in the following sessions of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva: seventh and eighth sessions (8-19 February 2010 and 3-14 May 2010); thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (21 May-4 June 2012 and 22 October-5 November 2012), and sixteenth session (22 April-3 May 2013); and of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee in Geneva (from the fourth to the eleventh session)
- It participated in the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York: fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh session (1-12 March 2010, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012 and 4-13 March 2013), submitted statements to the Commission and co-organized over 30 side events
- The organization participated in the following sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York: forty-eighth to fifty-first session (3-12 February 2010, 9-18 February 2011, 1-10 February 2012 and 6-15 February 2013) and submitted statements
- Representatives took part in the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York, from 3 to 14 May 2010 and from 2 to 13 May 2011
- It participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and organized a panel discussion on the "Elimination of the extremes of wealth and poverty in a green economy context"
- Participated in the following sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York: ninth to twelfth session (19-30 April 2010, 16-27 May 2011, 7-18 May 2012 and 20-31 May 2013)
- The organization attended the following sessions of the Commission on Population and Development in New York: forty-fourth to forty-sixth session (11-15 April 2011, 23-27 April 2012 and 22-26 April 2013)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Baptist World Alliance

Special, 1974

Introduction

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship comprising 231 conventions in unions with over 40 thousand members in 121 countries and territories. The organization is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ, bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another, while proclaiming and living the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to a lost world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to promoting worship, fellowship and unity; nurturing the passion for mission and evangelism; responding to human need through relief and sustainable community development; defending human rights and justice; and promoting relevant theological reflection.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization presented reports at several sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. It is a member of the Committee of Religious Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations, which cooperates with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, and has participated in the Ecumenical Working Group on the United Nations of the Committee. It is also actively involved in the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012 by hosting a side event
- Meetings of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to discuss human rights abuses
- Fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York (1-12 March 2010 and 22 February-4 March 2011)
- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 1-10 February 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization celebrates Human Rights Day by disseminating information to the public about issues relating to human rights and by providing useful resources and information about the United Nations.

The Division on Freedom and Justice of the organization has commissions dealing directly with several of the Millennium Development Goals, such as the commission on creation care and the commission on racial and gender justice.

8. Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women is a research institute that provides tools to facilitate action by organizations to advance social justice and equality for all women. With both individual and institutional members, it functions in Canada's two official languages, English and French.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute undertakes original research, criticizes biases, synthesizes existing research and disseminates results for different audiences. Its mandate is to build bridges between community-based and university-based research and to make the links among research, education and social change. The organization's work is consistent with the human rights instruments of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute organizes lectures and conferences on topics such as "Women, the United Nations and Beijing+20: reflections on the past and looking forward" to disseminate information to the public. In 2010 and 2011, the Institute webcast the celebrations of International Women's Day in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute attended the following sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York: fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions (1-12 March 2010 and 22 February-4 March 2011) and fifty-seventh session (4-15 March 2013), where it organized a parallel interactive session and meetings relevant to the post-2015 development agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to its involvement with the Commission on the Status of Women, it promoted the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Canada, and, with other NGOs, provided feedback to Canadian government representatives about issues on its agenda. The organization also renewed relationships with UNESCO.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the Institute's activities support Millennium Development Goal 3. Additionally, its focus on issues linked to economic and social justice and overcoming women's poverty and exclusion supports the other goals. The Institute also produced an updated Canadian fact sheet on "Violence against women in Canada", which coincided with the priority theme of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013: "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls".

9. Centre for Development Strategy

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Centre for Development Strategy has been working solely to support the mobilization and strengthening of poor community systems for effective and sustained change in the areas of democratic governance, justice, human rights, economic empowerment, primary health and education in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to support the strengthening of weak structures in poor communities in Nigeria; support the development of poor people and rural communities in Nigeria in education infrastructure; support policymaking and the general welfare of poor people and rural communities; support the sociopolitical development of poor people in rural communities in Nigeria and the sustainability of programmes; sensitize poor people living in rural areas with the message of life, skill and self-dependency; assist poor people in rural communities with health services and information; and support in-country justice as well as political, economic, health, cultural and social development programmes within the framework of national policies, and support, mobilize around and disseminate information on programmes of the United Nations and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations that do not contradict existing national policies.

Significant changes in the organization

On 7 July, 2012, the organization changed its name to Cecilia Nkemakolam Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization worked in 518 communities in the south-east geopolitical zone of Nigeria to mobilize communities towards achieving good governance,

primary health care, basic education, reduced poverty, enhanced infrastructural development and resource mobilization

- It mobilized communities to benefit and sustain malaria and HIV control as well as primary health-care development strategies with the acceptance of life-saving products
- It worked on a number of initiatives with UNDP, the World Bank, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), ActionAid and the European Union project "Increasing non-State actors' implementation and development expertise (EU-INSIDE)", as well as with such national partners as the Society for Family Health, the Civil Society for Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition, the National Malaria Control Programme and women's and youth groups
- It carried out programme activities in community health, education, economic empowerment, human rights, justice and democratic governance

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with the World Bank on the implementation of the HIV programme in Abia State, Nigeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Please see section under "Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations".

10. Centrist Democrat International

Special, 1950

Introduction

Centrist Democrat International brings together parties, organizations and political associations that inspire ideas and behaviour within the principals of Christian humanism or integral humanism, that is to say humanism that is open to solidarity and fraternity. The organization is open to all parties and political associations, which share and practice the same convictions in religious and philosophical material within the organization. It carries out its work with the regional political organizations through the Organización Demócrata Cristiana de América or Christian Democrat Organization of America (Latin America), Centrist Democratic International-Africa, Centrist Democratic International-Asia-Pacific, and Centrist Democratic International-Europe/European People's Party.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are the affirmation and updating of its political identity; the strengthening of relations between the party and the political

organizations that are members; the preparation, representation and diffusion of the common positions that characterize its profile; and the promotion and strengthening of the political presence of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

In the last few years, the organization has amplified its structure in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It has created Centrist Democratic International-Africa and Centrist Democratic International-Asia-Pacific to cooperate in the development of the populations in those regions. The current number of countries that adhere to the organization is 71.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main force of the organization is to approve documents and resolutions to call attention to violations of human rights and core values.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 27 May to 14 June 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No contribution was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization fosters democratic values and human rights around the world by educating younger generations to fight against discrimination in governmental posts and other posts of responsibility. It brings the attention of the media to human rights violations, especially in Cabo Verde, Cuba, the Middle East, Ukraine and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

11. Church World Service

Special, 1974

Introduction

Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations from the United States working to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice in the United States and globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization has a mandate to improve the lives of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in the world through a holistic approach. It is the organization's mission to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice in the United States and globally.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Programmatic priorities have included basic social and economic development, with particular focus on women and children, hunger and food security, disaster response, including mitigation through disaster preparedness, and assistance to refugees, displaced people and migrants, including the advocacy and defence of their rights. The organization's mandate also includes the promotion of peace and justice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010
- Forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 9 to 18 February 2011
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 28 February to 4 March 2011
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 7 to 8 March 2011
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in New York from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Second intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2011
- Initial discussions on the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and third intersessional meeting of the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, March 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has been an active participant in the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It maintained a close working relationship with UNHCR in Washington, D.C., to coordinate migration and refugee-related work in the United States and globally. It acted as the UNHCR fiduciary agent for the United States Overseas Processing Entity whose operation largely depends on resettlement referrals made by UNHCR. The organization also maintains a close

working relationship with UNHCR in Geneva, Nairobi, Accra, Chad, Thailand and other locations.

As a member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations hunger and food security working group, the organization collaborates with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right to food.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked on the following goals:

- Goal 1: Constructed sand dams in arid regions of western Kenya, which provided both potable water for human consumption and water for the irrigation of vegetable gardens, resulting in improved hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and increased income
- Goal 2: Implemented the school safe zones programme in Kenya to enhance children's education and retention in schools. It worked on the health and education integrated development programme in Viet Nam to increase student enrolment and graduation rates, as well as the quality of health services provided at communal clinics and a district hospital
- Goal 4: Implemented a programme in Cambodia to improve child and maternal nutrition and health and helped communities expand their capacity to sustain those gains
- Goal 5: In Pakistan and Afghanistan, implemented a community health project by deploying female doctors to basic health units and reproductive health clinics to deliver health-care training for community health workers, and engaged the community in health-care awareness and support
- Goal 6: It trained women to produce embroidered ribbon pins as an income-producing venture
- Goal 7: It implemented the water of life programme to provide access to vital water resources and sanitation systems in Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania
- Goal 8: Through the community development programme in Cambodia, it helped local partners gain expertise to manage their organizations and implement effective programmes

12. Local Governments for Sustainability

Special, 1998

Introduction

Local Governments for Sustainability is the world's leading network of over 1,000 cities, towns and metropolises committed to building a sustainable future.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with a specific focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions. By helping its members make their cities sustainable, low-carbon, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure, the organization has an impact on over 20 per cent of the world's urban population.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period of 2010-2013, the most important changes within the organization were the revision of its charter in 2011 and the convening the World Congress in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, from 14 to 17 June 2012, which resulted in the election of the Global Executive Committee for 2012-2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization enhances the effectiveness and diversity of the local authorities major group by facilitating the engagement of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development and United Cities and Local Governments as the two new organizing partners
- It contributed to the consultation and organization of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, including convening the Global Town Hall in June 2012, at which the Secretary-General met with mayors and local government leaders from around the world
- It led the participation of the local authorities major group in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 3-14 May 2010 and 2-13 May 2011
- Preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2011-2012
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012
- Sessions of the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals from May to December 2013
- Inaugural session, high-level political forum on sustainable development, 24 September 2013
- Meetings of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly in September 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in 2010, launching the urban low emission development strategies project in 2012 with the support of the European Commission. It participated in the UN-Habitat Governing Council in 2013, as the lead partner of the Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities and Regions in the new United Nations development agenda
- It signed a memorandum of understanding with UNEP to implement a programme of work from 2009 to 2013. The organization participated in the UNEP Governing Council meetings every year from 2010 to 2013, and released the fifth Global Environment Outlook assessment *Global Environment Outlook: Environment for the Future We Want* for local Governments at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012
- It launched the "Making cities resilient campaign" at the World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change in Bonn in 2010 with the inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
- It contributed to a World Bank-UNEP-UN-Habitat joint work programme

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities mainly contribute to Goal 7, with indirect impact on Goals 1, 3 and 8, and include the following:

- On biodiversity, the organization facilitated the drafting of the support of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)
- On climate change, the organization facilitated the Local Government Climate Roadmap
- The organization supported the establishment of the "Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments for the Post-2015 Development Agenda towards HABITAT III" and advocated for a universal goal on cities within the scope of sustainable development goals

13. Saferworld

Special, 2010

Introduction

Saferworld is an independent international organization working to prevent violent conflict and build safer lives. It is a not-for-profit organization with programmes in nearly 20 countries and territories across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Saferworld works with local people affected by conflict to improve their safety and sense of security, and conduct wider research and analysis. It uses that evidence and learning to improve local, national and international policies and practices that can help build lasting peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Saferworld undertook the following activities to shape the post-2015 development agenda:

- Provided a briefing on "Approaching post-2015 from a peace perspective" (August 2012)
- Provided a joint statement with 56 civil society organizations on "Bringing peace into the post-2015 development framework", launched at the General Assembly (September 2012)
- Participated in the meeting of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, held in London (November 2012)
- Presented to global thematic consultations on conflict, violence, disasters and the post-2015 development agenda, held in Monrovia, Panama and Helsinki (November 2012 to June 2013)
- Submitted written comments to the draft and final versions of the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (January 2013)
- Drafted and coordinated a statement on "Putting sustainable peace and safe societies at the heart of the development agenda: priorities for post-2015" and presented to the General Assembly (September 2013)
- Presented a paper on "Gender, peace and security and the post-2015 framework" to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) expert group meeting on structural and policy constraints in achieving the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls, held in Mexico City (October 2013)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Saferworld attended the following meetings:

- Meetings of the First Committee of the General Assembly, held in New York from 2010 to 2012
- Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 14 to 18 June 2010

- First session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 12 to 23 July 2010; including the co-organization of a meeting on implementation of the Treaty
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 28 February to 4 March 2011; including the organization of a side meeting on implementation of the Treaty in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations
- Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 9 to 13 May 2011
- Third session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 11 to 15 July 2011; including the organization of a side event in cooperation with the Governments of Australia and Zambia, at which a draft implementation framework for the Arms Trade Treaty
- Fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, held in New York, from 13 to 17 February 2012; including the organization of a side meeting with the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, on reporting
- Second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York, from 27 August to 7 September 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Saferworld drafted three international small arms control standards between 2010 and 2012 on: designing and implementing community safety programming; monitoring, evaluating and reporting; and conducting small arms and light weapons surveys. In June 2013, the organization collaborated with UNDP in Brussels on two round-table meetings with European institutions.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of Saferworld focused on contributing to the new post-2015 development agenda.

14. Vital Voices Global Partnership

Special, 2006

Introduction

Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women leaders who improve the world and create space for women to be heard. It believes that women are essential

for making progress in their communities and that the world cannot move forward without their full participation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization invests in leaders who take responsibility for improving society. It partners with women who demonstrate leadership that unites and inspires people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works with leaders in three key areas: human rights, economic opportunity, and political and public leadership. Those partners are in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East. It designs programmes that offer practical skills and services, help leaders develop strategic plans, connect with expert advisors for mentoring and collaboration and share their perspectives with the audiences they need to reach.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the following meetings:

- The organization was a panellist at a meeting of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking on the high-level interactive launch of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2014 (pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010, which requested UNODC to prepare a biannual report on patterns and flows of trafficking in persons), held in New York on 24 November 2014
- The organization was a civil society representative speaker at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on human trafficking, which called for an appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons to assess achievements, gaps and challenges in the implementation of the Plan and relevant legal instruments, held in New York on 13 May 2013
- It attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, from 27 February to 9 March, 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization hosted a "Round table on financing gender equality and women's empowerment", with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and UN-Women, held in Washington, D.C., on 19 September 2014. That strategy session brought together opinion leaders and representatives from Government, private sector, civil society, academia, media and technology for a discussion on how to increase innovative investments in gender equality and women's rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the organization's activities focus on and contribute to Goals 3 and 8 and on supporting the overall development agenda through programming, training, advocacy and outreach.

15. World Jewellery Confederation

Special, 2006

Introduction

The World Jewellery Confederation is the oldest representative organization in the international jewellery business and represents the interests of all individuals, organizations and companies earning their livelihoods from jewellery, gemstones and precious metals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To encourage harmonization and promote international cooperation in the jewellery industry, the organization functions as a centre of knowledge, a decision-making body, and an advocate for the well-being of the jewellery industry worldwide. The jewellery industry understands that the luxury product sector must demonstrate that it abides by the principles of corporate social responsibility.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- At the World Expo, held in Shanghai, China, in 2010, the organization was selected by the jewellery sector as a role model of corporate social responsibility
- In cooperation with United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the organization and the Belgian public and private organizations inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Corporate Social Responsibility in the jewellery and diamond industry in Antwerp, Belgium, in May 2011. It was launched with the goal of developing educational programmes to advance the United Nation's social and economic development goals
- In May 2013, the Italian trade fair organizer, Fiera di Vicenza, was accredited through the organization to help plan and implement a United Nations endorsed corporate social responsibility programme for the international jewellery industry
- In July 2013, the organization reached an understanding with the Convention of Independent Financial Advisors for cooperation in enhancing responsible business practices and sustainability in their respective business sectors
- It is currently preparing an educational programme for the jewellery sector, which will be offered worldwide to promote the industry's involvement in sustainable development

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization undertook the following activities:

- Participated in the United Nations Global Compact Leaders' Summit, New York, June 2010
- Submitted a statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on progress in advancing its education programme for corporate social responsibility, Geneva, July 2011
- Participated in the United Nations System Private Sector Focal Points Meeting, Vienna, March 2012
- Submitted a statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council expressing concern that the global economic crisis is affecting job creation and undermining the fight against poverty, New York, July 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNITAR to organize a forum on corporate social responsibility, in Shanghai, China, in September 2010. The organization cooperated with UNITAR to open a Centre of Excellence for Corporate Social Responsibility in the jewellery and diamond industry, Antwerp, Belgium, in May 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to Goals 1, 7 and 8 by promoting corporate social responsibility in the jewellery sector in the following ways:

- Developed a programme for students worldwide to study corporate social responsibility and the design of eco-friendly jewellery
- Discussed the development of corporate social responsibility education programmes for the jewellery sector in Guangzhou, China, in March 2010
- Inaugurated its first course in corporate social responsibility, with lecturers instructing the participants on the role of the jewellery industry in promoting the goals, Antwerp, Belgium, June 2010
- Gave a presentation to the third International Gem and Jewellery Conference focused on the role of the jewellery industry in sustainable economic and social development and the need to for businesses operations to be fully transparent, Bangkok, December 2012
- The organization and the Responsible Jewellery Council signed a memorandum of understanding for the use of corporate social responsibility education programmes developed by the organization, in collaboration with the United Nations, and a chain of custody certification programmes developed by the Responsible Jewellery Council, in October 2013